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APPOINTMENT OF HORTICULTURE TECHNICAL COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have appointed a Horticulture Technical Commission for the North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Technical Commission;

(c) the date on which the Technical Commission was appointed; and

(d) the time by which the Commission is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Union Government have not appointed a HorticultureTechnical Commission for North Eastern Region.However, Government has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Technology Mission for IntegratedDevelopment of Horticulture in North Eastern Region including Sikkim`, on 27th February, 2001. The salient features of the Scheme are:

An attempt has been made in the technology mission to achieve convergence and build synergy among numerous ongoing schemes through vertical and horizontal integration of the existing programmes and bridging the gaps through appropriate new programmes, to ensure adequate, appropriate, timely and concurrent attention to all the links in production, post-harvest and consumption chain. In pursuit of this, the existing schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC), which have been operating for the development of agriculture but have relevance for horticulture have been converged.

The Technology Mission has 4 mini-missions to address all the Programmes. Mini Mission-I will concentrate on technology generation and refinement and will be coordinated by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Mini-Mission-II aims atncreasing production and productivity. Mini-Mission-III aims at efficient postharvest management, marketing and export. Both these Mini-Missions will be coordinated by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. Mini-Mission-IVaims at promotion of processing and processed product, which will be coordinated by Department of Food Processing Industry.